



PERSONAL SERVICES QUESTIONS – 2007 SESSION

1. Has the agency implemented a broad band pay plan, agency-wide or for selected jobs? If so, when was it implemented and what were the estimated cost increases in the year of implementation? How were these costs funded (by holding vacant positions open, appropriations for other purposes that were unexpended, etc)?
2. At what percentage of market are new employees paid? How do employees progress to the market rate for their position? What is the agency's target percent of market? What is the agency average percent of market in FY 2006?
3. Did the agency have vacant positions for a significant portion (6 months or more) of FY 2006? If yes, how many and why were these vacant? How did the vacancies impact agency operations?
4. Did the agency have authorized pay exceptions for pay plan 60 positions? If yes, why?
5. Did the agency have authorized position upgrades or downgrades for pay plan 60 positions? If yes, why?
6. What challenges does the agency face in recruiting and retaining staff? What actions has the agency taken to address recruitment and retention issues? Is the agency competing with other state agencies or the public sector for staff?
7. Are agency staff members represented by collective bargaining units? How many of the agency staff are impacted by collective bargaining unit agreements? What provisions are included in bargaining unit agreements? How often are these agreements negotiated?